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RE: Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA-2004-17989 - y

Dear Sirs:

The United Transportation Union protests the granting of this CP Waiver and requests a Public Hearing to allow the many safety concerns to be addressed. In addition to our major concern of a diminished level of safety, we are concerned that this waiver could also have an affect on certain collective bargaining agreements in place today.

This waiver would remove protection that history and past practice have proven is required.

Please send us notification of the location and dates of the public hearings.

Sincerely yours,

James M. Brunkenhoefer
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cc: CP Officers

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